

LIGHTS OF YEARNING
IN PRAISE OF THE MOST PRAISED ❀

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﴿And lower unto them the wing of submission through mercy, and say: My Lord! Have mercy on them both as they did care for me when I was little.﴾²

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﴿And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His Countenance.﴾³

1 Bukhari

2 17:24

3 18:28

I want to give thanks to my veracious source of counsel in times of ease and difficulty, the Great Grandson and lover of the Beloved of Allah ﷺ, Moulay Hassan al-Alaoui, may Allah have Mercy on him. May Allah bless his Shaykh and father-in-law, the Muhammadan Heir, Sidna Shaykh Moulay Muhammad Belqurshi, and his Shaykh, the Spiritual Pole of his Era, Sidna Shaykh Moulay Muhammad Ibn al-Habib, may Allah be well pleased with them all, may He grant them the Highest Abode and may He benefit us with the *baraka* and knowledge He has bestowed upon their noble Souls.

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THE NEEDY OF ALLAH'S MERCY

Walid Lounès Bouzerar

A Word from Our Elders



“The celebration of our liege-lord Muhammad ﷺ (an Arabic term for “most Praiseworthy and Honored”), the last and final door left open between creation and the Almighty King of kings ﷻ, is truly the most beneficial of all spiritual endeavors and the soul of worship as enjoined in the Quranic verse: ﴿*Verily Allah and His angels do bless the Prophet; O you who believe, do also bless him and greet him with abundant salutations!*﴾ It is the healing of hearts and the refreshment of souls, without which hearts and souls cannot survive. We were all created, as human beings, with natural and instinctive love for Muhammad, the best of our species and purest servant of our Creator in all creation ﷺ. All the prophets asked to belong to the community of Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ – the last of the worshipful communities – but such honor was granted only to the Prophet Jesus ﷺ. May this fragrant book of verses filled with the best yearning, meticulously written by a student of the Sufi Path in its most authentic and genuine form, help all seekers of good faith on the way to safety and to the everlasting meeting with the Beloved ﷻ.”

Shaykh Gibril Fouad Haddad

Influential Islamic scholar, religious leader, author, and Arabic translator of classical Islamic Texts

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“When the final clouds of darkness shaded over the world, God sent his final demonstration of Mercy through the one who was addressed by His statement: *﴿And We did not send you but as a Mercy for the worlds.﴾* A Messenger who changed the world with waves of merciful generosity and heart-warming wisdom ﷺ. His pristine message surged forth throughout every corner of the world setting hearts ablaze with illumination, vision and glory. Every Soul that contained him transformed and every community that loved him excelled ﷺ.

Lights of Yearning is an endless museum of Muhammadan love which has been decorated with precious jewels, ornamented with illuminated pearls of wisdom and adorned with resplendent devotion through its magnificent praise of the Master of Creation ﷺ. The entire book is gracefully embellished with veneration and reverence for Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, hence it has been given the ability to beautifully penetrate through the deepest chasms of the soul with sweetness and sensation, lifting veils from thirsty eyes allowing them to be quenched by his intoxicating sight ﷺ. May Allah ﷻ forever allow your pen to masterfully flow in the glorification of our liege-lord Muhammad ﷺ and grant it acceptance across the world like the Burdahs of Sayyidinā Ka‘b and Imām al-Buṣīrī.”

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“In our time,” one poet has exclaimed, “it is impossible to write religious poems!” Walid Lounès Bouzerar has proved the error of this comment. He has written a book of remarkable devotional poems in praise of the Prophet Muhammad, the Seal of Prophets ﷺ. He uses rhythmic repetition of the Prophet’s sacred names ﷺ to generate a flowing evocation of the Beloved of Allah ﷺ stretching over sixty pages.

The book begins with verses highlighting the benefits of *Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm* and its spiritual power to transform and heal people’s lives both here and hereafter. So *Lights of Yearning* quickly and recurrently places Allah Almighty ﷻ in high reverence above all. The poems go on to show the excellent qualities of Muhammad that made him the Beloved of Allah ﷻ, that enabled the Prophet ﷺ, through Allah’s Grace ﷻ, to transform cut-throats into Saints. The poems celebrate his celestial love, his connection with the whole universe and with each human soul, his virtuous actions that inspired his followers (men and women) to worship Allah ﷻ.

At a key moment in the collection, a poem dedicated to the wisdom and truth of *Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh* appears, balancing the first poem of *Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm*. In this way, the book can be read like a *dhikr* with *Ṣalawāts*, strengthened with interjections that assert the predominance and authority of Allah, the One Creator ﷻ. The poems are written in a variety of styles, from statement-and-response, like a dialogue, to use of rhyme and repetition, with references to names, incidents and characters in the life of Muhammad ﷺ; short-line poems in a more modern, contemporary form to longer-line pieces in a discursive style. This diversity suggests how everything, in every way, is praising the One Most Praised ﷻ. I marvel again how a poet can find new ways to present traditional material to excite a new generation of readers and

reciters, as surely, these poems will not only be read, they will be sung. Brother Walid has produced a collection in which the beauty of his poetic language lives up (if this was possible) to the beauty of its subject, Muhammad ﷺ.

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Foreword



Glory unbound be to Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth; thanks unlimited be to Him for all His bounties which He generously bestowed upon us, on top of which is sending to us His Final Messenger, the Beloved, the Elect, the Seal, the Pure, the Praised, our Master, Muhammad, prayers and salutations be upon him, and upon his Family and his Companions.

Praising the Prophet of Islam is an act of worship; tell me if you argue against it, when you praise him, do you become closer to him or not? Do people who read his praise or listen to it know him more, love him more, yearn for him more, feel more motivation to follow his Sunna or not? And finally, when you praise the Beloved of Allah, are you punished or rewarded? The answer is you are rewarded, and every action in Islam that is rewarded is an act of worship, every practice which encourages you to follow the Sunna is recommended, and everything that makes you more attached to the Messenger of Allah, prayers and salutations be upon him, is endorsed. How could this not be true when loving the Beloved of Allah leads you to loving Allah Almighty more, and when following and emulating the character of the Best of Mankind makes you a better Muslim and a true servant of Allah?

This is why the poets amongst the Companions of the Prophet competed in writing poetry praising him, including his uncle ‘Abbās and his best Companion Abū Bakr. However, the title “The Poet of the Prophet” was given to one famous poet, Hassān b. Thābit, who used to stand on a special pulpit in the Holy Mosque of Medina reciting his poetry in front of the Prophet, prayers and salutations be upon him. At one point, the Prophet made a special prayer for him, “Allah! Send the Archangel to support him.” This narration is reported in *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*, which is the most authentic book of Tradition.

No wonder, then, that praising the Messenger of Allah later became one of the main preoccupations of poets; and no wonder that some of the masterpieces of Arabic poetry over the past fourteen centuries were produced in praise of the Best of Creation. The list of poems includes the ode of Kaʿb b. Zuhayr, known after the words of the opening line, *Bānat Suʿād* (Suʿād has departed...), and later on al-Būṣīrī (d. 696 AH, 1295 CE) wrote his poem called The Luminous Stars (*al-Kawākib al-Durriyya*) which later became known as the *Burda*, whose fame, popularity and circulation is unrivaled by any other poem in the history of Islam.

Today we have modern poets, young Muslims who love the Beloved of Allah, though they have not seen him; they want to show us how much they love him and show the new generations how far they are from their Prophet; they have forgotten that He is the one we are supposed to follow and take as a model, the one who brought to us and to all of humanity guidance, the one who opened the way for us to the Heavens, the one who was sent as a Mercy to us and the worlds, and the one who cares about us and intercedes for us on the Final Day. These are some of the reasons why this collection of poetry, *Lights of Yearning*, by Walid Lounès Bouzerar is important and must be read.

I tried to devote a huge portion of my life, classes, public talks, books, and poems to the Beloved of Allah, for every reason mentioned above and many others, not the least, him being my Great Grandfather and me feeling to be his servant in this age. In this context came my book of prayers upon him, *Remedy of The Hearts* (*Shifā al-Qulūb*) and my expansion of the *Burda*, entitled *The Prophetic Lights* (*al-Anwār al-Muḥammadiyya*)—and more is to come, because as long as I am alive, I will praise him, revive his Sunna, advocate him, and spread his way.

SERVANT OF SACRED KNOWLEDGE

Muhammad al-Yaqoubi



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Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm



O Allāh ﷻ – by the Magnanimous Power in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
And by he ﷻ whom You sent to instruct us by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
We begin with
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
O Lord of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Enter us through the Door of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Into the Merciful Realms of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
By the Immensity of the Divine Names in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
And by he ﷻ whom You described with the second Attribute in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Al-Ra'ūf al-Raḥīm, Muḥammad ﷺ, the carrier of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Connect our hearts to his heart ﷻ by the Rope of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Mould our character to his example ﷻ by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Enter our Souls into his love ﷻ by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
O Owner of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
Make us dive into the dot beneath the *bā'* of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
That our hearts may collect the Treasures of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
That our Souls be imbued with the Knowledge of

Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 And that we may be permeated by the Protection in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Shower us in Your Mercy by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 O Allāh – by the Secret through which You veil our shame in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Veil us in Your Beautiful Covering by the Beauty in
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 O Allāh – by the Secret by which the Cursed is prevented a share
 through
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Prevent him and our egos from a share in our deeds by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 O Allāh – by the opening of Your Noble Book:
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Open our inner vision and hearts to Your Gnosis through
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 O Allāh – as You have opened to Your Awliyā' the Secrets of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Pour into our hearts the Fragranced Waters of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Make our hearts rivers connected to the Sea of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Until we embark on nothing except through the Door of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 May our every word and deed in the past, present, and future be
 cloaked by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 May our beginning be adorned by
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 May our passing to the other side of the Veil be through
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 Through an ending of the Martyrs on the Way of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 May we step into Your Eternal Pleasure through
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm
 May our words and deeds be the children of
Bismillāh ir-Raḥmān ir-Raḥīm

Scenting, feeding, quenching those seeking
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 May our hearts' beating say
Allāh
 Our every breath say
Allāh
 Our every blink say
Allāh
 Through the Secret of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 O Allāh – without the Friend ﷺ of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 How would we know
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 O Allāh – after
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 Send Blessings and Peace upon the Sanctuary ﷺ of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 And by the Family of the Teacher ﷺ of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 Guide our families and loved ones to the Door of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 And he is the Door ﷺ of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 Give us refuge in the Heavenly Spheres of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 By the Generosity You have accorded us through the Gift of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
 O Master of
Bismillāh ir-Rahmān ir-Rahīm
Āmīn.

Whom Do You Love?



They asked me, "Whom do you love?"
I told them, "Muḥammad ﷺ;
A name pure and sweet on my lips like honey."
They asked me, "Ask for anything in this *dunyā*⁴."
I replied, "I wish to behold the Beloved of God ﷺ.
Awake and asleep
In this life and the next
I wish for the presence of Muḥammad ﷺ."
They saw me in my peculiar states
They heard me hint at my path
They asked, "What path do you follow?"
I replied, "The path of Muḥammad ﷺ."
They saw me lonely and sick
So they asked me, "What ails you?"
"My yearning for Muḥammad ﷺ"
As a man who has fled from his village
Into the desert
I seek no one
But Muḥammad ﷺ.
My tongue has become numb
And this world has become stale to it
Like a sick man, its water has become sour
And its food has become bland
So it is for all whose hearts have remembered;
Who have had a taste of that sweet, inebriating drink
That showers from the Celestial Realms
Upon the mention of Muḥammad ﷺ.
May Allāh send his utmost peace and blessings
Upon the Pearl of Creation ﷺ
The Light of our hearts ﷺ

The Door to the King of Kings ❁
Our Master Muḥammad ❁
And upon His Family and Companions ❁

Medina the Crown of our Hearts' Abodes



There is a minaret in the hearts of his lovers ❁
Whose apex can't be seen with these eyes
And when his name is mentioned – Muḥammad ❁
Their Souls climb to its peak in the skies
Every heart in proximity rises
As they call from this lofty station:
*﴿O ye who believe! Ask blessings on him
And salute him with a worthy salutation.﴾*⁵ ❁
Their love, like a restless fire
Kindling the hearts of their company
Crimson like the sacred rugs
In the precinct of *Masjid al-Nabawī*
Their shade is the Green Dome
Their supports are the blessed columns
Their mirror is the Golden Gate
Medina's dust is like petals upon them
Like the bride on her wedding night
Like a flower in the blessed Garden
The *Rawḍa*⁶ is their hearts' delight
But he is the crux of a yearning, ardent ❁
O Allāh – we seek Your Permission
Master Muḥammad ❁, we seek your call
We seek Divine Intervention
To enter its Sacred walls
And furthermore, we ask that Medina
Crowns the ground of our hearts' abodes

5 33:56

6 “The area between my house and my minbar (pulpit) is one of the Gardens (riyād, sing. *rawḍah*) of Paradise, and my minbar is on my cistern (*ḥawḍ*)” Narrated by al-Bukhārī

The Crossroad where Heaven meets Earth
The Palace on every lover's road

Should Aḥmad's Light Manifest ❁



His blessed teeth – priceless pearls, whiter than the purest milk ❁
Glimmering, lustrous – skin sleeker than the smoothest silk ❁
His deep black eyes, enrapturing – as the infinite night sky ❁
Concealing countless galaxies – where the Lovers' hearts fly ❁
Eyebrows arched above them – eyelashes, dark, far-reaching ❁
Slender lips with raised tips – a proof and witness of his teaching ❁
Blessed skin tone like the Moon though eclipsing the Moon's
glimmer ❁
Should Aḥmad's Light manifest – by God, the Sun would be
dimmer ❁
We beseech Allāh, the Bountiful, to raise the Veil from between
Us and the Most Dazzling Creation the Worlds have ever seen ❁
O *Karīm*, we plea, divulge to us his Most Beautiful Manifestation ❁
That You reveal only to the Foremost of the Blessed Muḥammadan
Nation ❁
Send Your Perfect Peace and Countless Blessings upon Your
Praised Beloved ❁
Our Master Muḥammad the son of ʿAbdullāh – the Seal of all
Prophets ❁

Split Asunder by the Aḥmadan Light ❁



The weaving fabric of this lower world
Was split asunder by the Aḥmadan Light ❁
The Heavens and Lands burst in Praise of the Lord
The Holy morning Muḥammad arrived ❁
The Sincere were enraptured, consumed by this ecstacy
Like moths by the lamp in the night
O how his Dawn ❁ brought Light, to enlighten and nourish
Every heart that was handed its sight
He filled the heart of every lover with treasures ❁
Gave it Truth and bestowed on it sight ❁
Hand in his ❁, every Truthful One dove in the Oceans
Of Oneness, then rose with a Light
Lordly Secrets are treasures, concealed, in which
Every Heir of the Chosen delights ❁
Lead us to The Real – O Seal of the Prophets ❁
We implore in the throes of our nights
O Allāh, make us strangers to haste
And faithful companions of patience
O Allāh, keep our hearts overflowing
With the Light of Your blessed inspirations
Bless our Prophet – the Guide ❁ – and his loved ones
By the number of all Your creations
Bless our nights with his vision and fragrance ❁
Raise the Souls of his Nation in Stations ❁

Vanishing in Mīm, Hā', Mīm, Dāl ❁



The Kohl-black of your pearl-like eyes ❁
Celestial spheres like two universes
Containing constellations of Divine Knowledge
Black as the ink in the Book of Divine verses
For verily, you are the breathing Furqān ❁
Your dark tresses like ropes from Allāh ❁
By which His creation reaches to the Heavens
Your Mantle the shelter for the Servants of Allāh ❁
May the letters of our names and titles
Vanish in the *Mīm, Hā', Mīm, Dāl* ❁
May everyone of our temporal labels
Be replaced by the Stellar Crown that is your Sandal ❁
Every degree of Proximity to our Lord
Was gained through you, O Muḥammad ❁
How can I claim anything else before this evidence
O Lovers, invoke peace and blessing upon Muḥammad ❁
O Allāh, by Muḥammad and the Rank of Muḥammad ❁
By the Family of Muḥammad and the lovers of Muḥammad ❁
By Your love for Muḥammad and the River of Muḥammad ❁
Grant us Muḥammad in this life and the next, O Lord of
Muḥammad ❁
O Muḥammad ❁, may the dust of your Garden
Be placed on my every intention
Such that no word or deed emerges from my being
Save by your Holy Intercession ❁
O Allāh – upon the Light of our thirsty Souls ❁
Shower Your Infinite blessings and peace
A prayer that removes every hardship
And opens the doors of every ease

The Fountain of Creation's Beauty ❁



He is al-Muṣṭafā ❁ – Most Sublime of God's Creation
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
Aḥmad ❁ – The Owner of the Loftiest Station ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
He whom Allāh said is upon an Immense Character ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Key holder to Felicity in the Hereafter ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
Our Desire – The Blessed Flag bearer of Intercession ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Coolness of our Eyes, the Reliever of all Tensions ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Heart's *Qibla* ❁ for every victorious traveller
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Most Beautiful of Creation, of Majestic Calibre ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
Nay, all of creation's beauty springs from his Noble Fountain ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
And the Sea of his Majesty ❁ feeds Majesty to the mountains
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
He is the Spring of every Knowledge that every Prophet holds ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Beloved of Allāh ❁, by the Prophets foretold
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Source of every Secret in the hearts of the Gnostics ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
The Holder of the Cup from which every Knower of God drinks ❁
O seeker, invoke peace and blessings upon him ❁
O Allāh – adorn us with the Lights of Muḥammad ❁
Instil our hearts with the Secret of Muḥammad ❁
Dress our inner secret with the Love for Muḥammad ❁

Bestow upon our eyes the sweet Vision of Muḥammad ❁
 Perfume our Souls with the Fragrance of Muḥammad ❁
 Reform our beings with the Character of Muḥammad ❁
 Enrapture our hearing with the Words of Muḥammad ❁
 Bring us to Your Presence by the Hand of Muḥammad ❁
 Give us Certainty and Knowledge through the Touch of
 Muḥammad ❁
 O our Master Muḥammad ❁, cast your Noble Gaze upon us
 O our Master Muḥammad ❁, we wish to behold you in our dreams
 O our Master Muḥammad ❁, you care for us deeply
 O our Master Muḥammad ❁, so answer our plea
 O Allāh – send a prayer of peace and blessings upon Muḥammad ❁
 One that grants us a vision of him in his Celestial Form ❁
 One that removes every difficulty and grants every good
 One that opens our hearts to the Openings of the Gnostics
 One that bestows upon our hearts the Thankfulness of the Patient
 One that bestows upon our hearts You
 O Allāh – and it is easy for You
 Exalted and Transcendent are You!




The Sun Rose in Spring ❁



That the spring breeze of your musk-scented hands ❁
Would only brush across my feeble face
What fragrance or holy waters would I ever seek
After my flesh has sipped such boundless grace
That my ears be purified by the melody of your voice ❁
A whisper suffices for the Heavens to be reached
What preachings of holy men would equal a single word
Of your soul-swaying, heart-blooming speech ❁
My eyes would be blind in the night of heedlessness
Were it not for the Light of the Chosen, Muḥammad ❁
My tongue would be naught but an old piece of flesh
Were it not raised in honour by the name of Muḥammad ❁
Allāh knows that my dreams have been fragranced
By the Green Dome, its blessed pillars and walls
The Golden Gate, *al-Ka'ba al-Sharīfā*
And *al-Aqṣā*, yet still my thirsty heart calls
For Muḥammad ❁. That my belongings be sacrificed
That all my living links be sacrificed
That all my needs and wishes be engulfed
By this single wish. A single glimpse will suffice.
O Prophet of God ❁, my nights are empty and arid
May the oasis of this glad tiding bring me respite.
May the Sun of your Vision ❁ bring the warm glow of spring
In the winter of my heart, O my soul's Light ❁.
May the blessings of Allāh and His Everlasting Peace
Be showered upon your Noble Soul and Secret ❁
And upon your pure Family and upright Companions ❁
Your name, may our hearts, for eternity breathe it ❁

The Musk of Muḥammad's Name



That which is stored in the hearts of these men
Cannot be contained in pages
Nor translated to forms
By even the most eloquent of tongues
That celestial oil, pressed in the Heavens
Cannot blend with the muddy waters
Of this lower world
The eyes of impermanence
They once brandished
Have been blinded
And the eyes
Of their hearts
Have regained sight
By the Musk of Muḥammad's name 
Like Ya'qūb's sight, restored
By the fragrance in Yūsuf's shirt
The words in the lover's poem
Are but the foam of his love's ocean
Those lovers –
They have not seen Muḥammad 
And yet,
Ah yes, how many souls
Have swayed
Like flowers in this Spring Breeze 
Were the whole of Creation
To produce a sincere prostration
That lasted for a thousand years
Whilst on their tongue is the Greatest Name,
And following that
Their spiritual ranks
Were piled one upon another

Though the distance of that rank
May appear to the eye
As the furthest star would in the open skies
In reality, still it would be
Compared to the Station of Muḥammad ﷺ with His Lord
As within arm's reach.
Muḥammad ﷺ, the Beloved of His Lord
Above him ﷺ
There is only Allāh
Know with certainty
That for the lovers
The only ease that follows their hardship
Is leaving this lower world
To be in the Presence of Muḥammad ﷺ!

Those Who Hold the Keys



I keep my pen
Where my pain's supposed to be
These written prayers
Are just raincoats
I always keep close to me
Love brings Its Alchemy
Leading to what they grow to be
Transforming my
Barren deserts of loneliness
To golden seas

Those who hold the Keys
It's hearts they're known to seize
They will stop at nothing
Until those wandering souls are freed
They transform the boldest thieves
All the while their swords are sheathed
For, one Glance those yearning souls receive
Fulfills their single primordial hope and need
The Light from those Noble Cloaks
Is the path I chose to seek
I place this poem at
The soles of their Holy feet
May we benefit from the Flow
Of Blessings their Souls secrete

Choicest Peace and Blessings
Upon he whom
God chose to lead
He who
Before injustice and ignorance

Rose to speak –
Muhammad ﷺ
Whose beauty
Made yearning roses speak
The Embodiment of the Noblest Creed
The Reality of Unity.
Peace and Blessings upon his Holy Family
Who hold the Keys
The Light upon Light
From which our
Unquenched Souls
Come feed,
Their Love
A Golden Seed
Sowed in my thirsty heart
To soil in need

Easy to Love ❀



Muḥammad, our Master ❀
Is most easy to love
'Tis most easy to drown
In his Eminence ❀

For who is not drawn
By the natural pull
Of manifest beauty
And virtues of excellence?

The Fountain of Mercy ❀
The Sea of Sublimity ❀
The Unlettered Prophet ❀
The Summit of Eloquence ❀

The Teacher of Kings
and Peasants Alike ❀
The Generous Jewel of
Perfect Benevolence ❀

Easy to love ❀
Hearts of his lovers
Orbit like stars
Facing the Sun ❀

'Tis easy, yet grants
The greatest of gifts
Attracting the Gaze
Of the Merciful One

O Allāh, send blessings
And copious peace
Upon Muḥammad, Your Prophet
The Chosen One ﷺ

*By His Banner ☼ in Your
Hand of Truth*



By the Master of the first and last to brandish Truth ☼,
The Guide for every woman, every man and youth ☼,
The Mercy to all Mankind, who Stands in Truth ☼ –
We ask You by his Banner ☼ in Your Hand of Truth,
By every answer that You granted when he asked of You ☼,
By Your Eternal Paradise and its Lasting Fruits
By all of Your Prophets and Messengers who bask in Truth
Make our attributes vanish in the Land of Truth
Grant us every righteous prayer that our hearts construe.
May the Path to You be eased for every heart confused
By Your Might make every tyrant on our Path subdued
Make our hearts pursue You in every path we choose
We hand You our Souls – Lord, may You hand us Truth.
Unite us with Your Beloved ☼ on the Path of Truth,
In this life, before the next, till we arrive at Truth
Make our desires dead and bring our Souls to life in Truth
May Your utmost Peace and Blessings crown the Light of Truth ☼,
By the Strength and Immensity of the Might of Truth,
And the Lights that shoot from the Pen that writes the Truth
And upon his Family with heightened rights from Truth

The Sandal of Our Prophet ❁



This expansive Universe
Is a *Masjid*⁷ for the Prophet ❁
My single prayer is to be
The *Khādim*⁸ of the Prophet ❁
Sweeping the roads with my Soul
Through the lands of our Prophet ❁
Basking in the Mercy of
Our Unsurpassed Prophet ❁
O Seeker, if you seek Allāh ❁ ,
Then your Path is through the Prophet ❁
The Greatest Intercessor
Is the First and Last Prophet ❁
Our Soul and our possessions
Hear: we hand them to the Prophet ❁
The Flag our hearts bleed tears for
Is the Mantle of the Prophet ❁
If you seek Spiritual Stations,
Then your task is through the Prophet ❁.
If you're feeling weary on the road,
Run faster to the Prophet ❁,
If you seek respite on that Day
All will amass before the Prophet ❁
Put forward now what you ask
Through the Master of all Prophets ❁
The prayer to efface our past
Is in the hands of our Prophet ❁.
And our present is made vast
Through the example of our Prophet ❁
Proximity is sought through the *Awliyā'* –

7 Mosque

8 Servant

The Candles of our Prophet ﷺ
May our Souls be sacrificed
For the Mantle of our Prophet ﷺ
May our affairs in life and death
Be all handled by our Prophet ﷺ
May our Souls be sacrificed
For the Sandal of our Prophet ﷺ
O Allāh, send utmost Blessings
On the Master of the Prophets ﷺ,
By the Rank and by the Degree
Of the Grandeur of our Prophet ﷺ
Our profit is through our Prophet ﷺ;
Our Lantern is our Prophet ﷺ
O Allāh, place our hands
In the hand of our Prophet ﷺ
Peace be upon our Master
Muḥammad, our Prophet ﷺ
For as long as praising lovers
Sing their chants for our Prophet ﷺ
And Peace upon the Four
Wrapped in the Mantle of our Prophet ﷺ
And the Family and Companions
Of the Last of all Prophets ﷺ!

Medinan Breezes



﴿With hardship comes ease﴾⁹
May Allāh's Peace meet us ﷻ –
Our hearts have been seized
By the Medinan breezes
Celestial gleams reach us,
Leaving us speechless
Our Master Muḥammad ﷺ
Holds the Key that frees us
The treasures of the Unseen feed us
From the Infinite Sea that breathed us ﷻ
Into existence; His Decree's what leads us ﷻ
May the purest of our Destiny reach us
Till heedlessness leaves us
Paradise greets us
And our beings are fragranced
By the Master ﷺ who leads us
May our hearts be needless
Except the need for the One
For whom our knees meet dust ﷻ
The All-Seeing seized us ﷻ
He Whom the bees praise;
He for Whom the seas and trees sway ﷻ
O Allāh, let Your Mercy reach us
For the sake of the Beloved ﷺ who completes us

The Purifying Soil of Repentance



When the seed of an ugly deed is placed in the purifying soil of Repentance, it grows into a majestic tree of which its roots are humility, its fruits are knowledge, its shade is mercy and its countenance is beauty. And that soil only purifies because the blessed feet of al-Muṣṭafa ﷺ have touched this Creation, both its earthly and spiritual realms. It is he ﷺ who brought mercy and it is he ﷺ who taught us repentance, thus our darkness was transformed into light, our ignorance into knowledge and our heedlessness into remembrance of our Generous Lord. What blessing have we except through the Sea of Blessings, Muḥammad ﷺ? How fortunate we are to be born into the Era of the Chosen One ﷺ. What honor have we except in this single Blessing ﷺ? The Blessing ﷺ that encompasses and multiplies every blessing we have been given. May the blessings of Allāh be upon our Master Muḥammad ﷺ and his Holy Family and Noble Companions, from the Day of Creation till the Day of Rising – every day by the amount of grains in the purifying soil on Earth. May Allāh shower us with the merciful waters of purification, allow us to turn to Him in sincere and accepted repentance, and give us a generous portion of His blessed remembrance.

The Sun of Guidance ﷺ Came upon Us



Behold! The Sun of Guidance ﷺ came upon us
And his remembrance are his rays that warm us
The Light of Muṣṭafā ﷺ has pierced into our hearts
Without this Lamp there would be no light from the stars
So in the day and in the night we're guided
And through Muḥammad ﷺ: we remain reminded
Allāh – Allāh – we seek forgiveness for his sake ﷺ
O our Lord – it's You who gives and we who take
You are the Rich – Allāh – and we, the destitute
O Lord – Your Tree of Knowledge – feed us from its fruit
And give us life through You, not through creation
O You Who Raises – grant us lofty stations
And, O Allāh – Your Most Beloved Prophet's states ﷺ
We ask You – O by Your Grace, do grant us a taste
And of his words ﷺ, may our hearts be filled with them
And may our limbs follow and always live through them
Enliven us – O Everliving – wake our hearts
And do protect them, for You are the Best of Guards
May Your Blessings and Peace abundantly shower
The Prophetic Seal ﷺ from this day till the Hour
And his Blessed Family and Followers
And every Lover and all Guided Scholars
And for his sake ﷺ – O Lord – count us amongst those
In whose hearts this Beautiful Guiding Sun rose ﷺ

The Landlord of My Garden 🌸



The Path is lengthy
But provision is present
My heart is nourished
By the fruits of a garden
That in my heart flourished
Watered by the Rivers
Of Divine Remembrance
Tended by Nobility
Of Holy Descendance
The Light their hearts carry
Brought life to the seedlings
So the discolored heart
Burst in splendour with meanings
This heart, these acres
The Landlord is Muḥammad 🌸
This mind, this Soul
Their Imam is Muḥammad 🌸
The Path is lengthy
But provision is present
In "I bear witness to
The Prophethood of Muḥammad 🌸"
This Floodgate of Mercy 🌸
Is opened for all
They will surely be quenched
Who respond to the call
Those upon whose lips
This nectar has trickled
Even a whiff of its fragrance
Renders a heart brittle
Those yearning for Muḥammad 🌸
Will be with Muḥammad 🌸

Those who cling to Muḥammad ﷺ
See the Lord of Muḥammad ﷺ

Fountain of Lights ❁



The seed that is too haughty
To lower itself into the soil
Will never bear a single fruit
Nor will it provide shade
Nor will it beautify the landscapes
It will remain a dry seed
Probably eaten by a passing beast
The Soul can be likened to the seed:
If it cannot lower itself
Beneath the Noble Feet
of Muḥammad ❁
Then it will never reach its desire
Its purpose is to know its Lord
And to seek the Gate to its Lord ❁
It knows
To seek the Beloved of its Lord ❁
It knows
But it forgets
It has forgotten
Veiled by the flesh
But a thousand signs
A thousand calls from the Heavens
A thousand nudges from the Skies
Surround it every moment
But its eyes are downcast
Forgetting that this mud under its feet
Is but transient
And this is not its home
And it is a traveller
A visitor
Here to worship its Creator

In the *Masjid of Muḥammad* ﷺ
 O Prophet of God ﷺ
 Accept us as your guests ﷺ
 We stand at your noble Door ﷺ
 And so the Soul
 What can we say about its Imam ﷺ?
 What can we say about its Host ﷺ?
 Or the Light through which it was formed –
 The Light of Muḥammad ﷺ?
 And when the Soul drinks once more
 From the Fountain of Lights ﷺ
 Through prayers on the Chosen ﷺ
 Through connection with the Beloved ﷺ
 Through yearning for his Proximity ﷺ
 When Muḥammad ﷺ is in its vision
 Then the Soul,
 Like a man awakened before his travel
 With just enough time to prepare provisions
 Is shaken to reality
 Butterflies in the gut
 Heart expanding in hope
 Contracting in fear
 Rushing to its desire
 O Prophet of God ﷺ
 O Light of our Heart ﷺ
 Take us by the hand in this moment
 And let not go of it
 Until we step in to the Eternal Abode with you ﷺ
 O Allāh, send Your Perfect Peace and Blessings
 Upon the Guiding Lamp You have sent to us ﷺ
 And make us of the Thankful
 Make us of the Sincere
 Count us amongst his Spiritual Family ﷺ
 Count us amongst his Brothers ﷺ
 And may Your Blessings and Peace
 Be upon his Noble Family and Companions
 For as long as the stars guide in the night
 And the Sun shines in the day

*At the Gate of the
Master of Creation* ❁



Today I came across a Garden
In it were Noble Men
Dressed in a Majestic presence
I approached and sat amongst them
They sang a curious tune
With which my Soul was stirred
Like the dove in its warm nest
Raised by the song of other birds
I sat a little closer
And observed their state from near
Their voice was that of lovers
With a yearning of the bereaved
The pitch of their voice, Angelic
Their reverence grave, but softened
Their words poignant, but articulate
With sincerity that you see not often
But the climax came at the mention
Of the Jewel my life is lived for
My existence came through his being
Him for whom all I have I'd give for
His name is Muḥammad ❁
Every heart was brought to the floor
In reverence for our Master ❁
Our hearts as wide open doors
What words can describe this burning
What exegesis can discuss this heart
What illustrations or volumes of text
Can help those lovers impart
All I want to hear is his praise ❁

The nectar of those Gardens
Anyone who tastes that drink
Certainly, can thus pardon
For the lover's heart is soft
And its tune inebriates
And the Soul soars to Medina
To the Gate of the Master of Creation ❁
O Lord – our Beloved Prophet ❁
Cover him in Your Utmost Blessings
Grant us a spot by him in Heaven ❁
One we can for Eternity rest in

The Epicentre of Mercy ❁



And who is Muḥammad ❁?
It suffices to say that any prayer made
To the Majestic Lord of the Heavens and Earth
Is incomplete without the mention of his Blessed Name ❁
Faces are enlightened in remembrance of him ❁
Hearts overflow with Mercy through his mention ❁
Sinners are turned to Saints through his Love ❁
His single gaze ❁ is a means of Heavenly ascension
He is the Secret and Beloved of your Maker ❁
And his Merits ❁ are incomprehensible, immeasurable
Love for his Family ❁ is a means of Divine Proximity
And his Esteem is the Most Eminent Treasure of all ❁
Any gathering in which his name is mentioned ❁
Mercy descends upon it and the Angels gather to enter
For his name ❁ attracts the Mercy of His Lord
So if you want Mercy, dive into its Epicentre ❁
If it is honor you seek in this life and the Next
Then dress yourself with the Crown that is his Sandal ❁
For the dust that sits at its sole is Stardust from Heaven
If it's his Love's burning you seek ❁
Then approach the Candles
His Guided Descendants and Heirs of your time ❁
Bring your nose to the dust that their feet have brushed
Empty your heart of knowledge and opinions
For the tree from their seeds will be fruitful and lush
So give them your heart that they may remove the weeds
Give them your trust that they may remove the doubts
Give them your love that they may remove all darkness
Give them your intellect that they may hydrate your drought
And know: they will only do so through Muḥammad ❁
For no Saint guides but through his permission ❁

And no Prophet has walked Earth but through his knowledge ﷺ
O Allāh – into his Presence ﷻ we seek admission
O Lord of Muḥammad ﷺ, bless our Master Muḥammad ﷺ
And his Holy Family ﷺ and Noble Companions ﷺ
Bring the Light of this Noble Prophet ﷺ
And have it permeate our hearts' canyons

Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh



On this trip, the direction
We have taken is neither
North, nor South, East, nor West
It is *Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh*
And our provision on it is
None other than
‘*Alā Muḥammadin Ṣalāt*
Wa Afdālu Salām Allāh
O Allāh – by the Strength of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
And by he ﷺ who You sent with
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
From the essence of secrets of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
He who embodies the utterance
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
He who came to teach us
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
To bring Light to our darkness with
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Whose speech was an exegesis of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Whose deeds were a pointing to
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Send Your Peace and Blessings
Upon the Fountain of Secrets
By the Reality of the Power of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
And through that prayer teach us
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Grant us a taste of the meanings of

Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make our last breath be
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make our life be a reflection of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make us dive to the ocean floor of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Uncover for us the secrets of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make our eyes amongst creation see
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make our hearts know nothing other than
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Bring our Souls to the center of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make us a reminder to creation of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Make it shine on our faces:
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 By the Truthful ﷻ who brought to us
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Send blessings upon he who lived by
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 He who opened what was closed through
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 By him, clean our hearts with
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Open our hearts to the drink of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Count us amongst the People of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 Keep us amongst the Knowers of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 May our homes be a household for
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 May our hearts be a treasure chest for
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 May our sleep begin and end with
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh

May the ignorance within us be effaced by
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May those who haven't, be given a taste of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May our Souls' thirsts be quenched by
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May we live by
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May we die by
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May You bring us to You on the ship of
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
May our hearts see nothing other than
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Blessings upon he ﷺ who was trusted with
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
Whose honored name follows
Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh:
Muḥammadur-Rasūl Allāh
Ṣallāllāhu ʿalayhi wa ʿalā ālihi

Knowledge is by Love Uncovered



They came with their worldly speech zealously
They came with conjectures and philosophies
I told them: you can keep them all to yourself
I keep the Master of the First and the Last to be ❀
But this Doctor said so-and-so
And that Shaykh said this and that –
Yes, you can keep them all to yourself
I keep he who is himself the Straight Path ❀
They came with their politicians and so on –
This party will bring justice and freedom,
This ideology will solve our problems now
My love is Muḥammad ❀; keep them
My heart has no space to change the world
It is too occupied fanning that flame
The alchemy of hearts is loving Muḥammad ❀
Make Gold: Now is the world the same?
That collective dream has no remedy
Except breaking free: Loving Muḥammad ❀
To attract the Gaze of the Wise, the Planner ❀
And find peace through the love of Muḥammad ❀
My Soul's open wounds are met by his name ❀
Like seawater: it heals, there's a burning
A deep burning that comes from my inner depths
A longing for that Sea is churning ❀
Keep fanning those flames, O heart
For none know of this fire but lovers
And if you seek to know him ❀ then burn on
For Knowledge is by Love uncovered
O Allāh, on the Gift to our Hearts and Souls ❀
Send the choicest blessings and peace
For as long as his ardent lovers' tears flow
And their helpless hearts are seized

He Who Brought You Your Dīn ﷺ



O you who is bereft of love for he who brought you your *Dīn* ﷺ.
O you whose heart cannot see past the outer forms of the love-gathering and into the Celestial spirit that consumes it. O you who is as a dry desert reproaching the flowers for blooming before the Sun of Souls ﷺ. Your very state is a *bid'a*¹⁰. For if you had any love as you claim, you would feel too ashamed to reproach those who express their love for him ﷺ, for his worth is incomprehensible ﷺ, and no praise of any creation can ever do him justice ﷺ, after Allāh Himself has praised him ﷺ. Shame on you, again, shame on you. Should the entire creation and what is in it come together to invoke praises of him ﷺ, they would fall short even if they carried on for 70,000 years. O clueless one with a heart full of reproaches! May Allāh give you the key to this *Dīn*. O you who is bereft of intellect! May Allāh give you something of the love of Muḥammad ﷺ.

He Whose Presence Removes Our Distress ﷺ



O how I wonder at he who suggests reaching Allāh without Muḥammad ﷺ

Attempting to cross the Ocean without the boat to take him
The Book of Allāh in hand, claiming that the map is sufficient
Turn back, O foolish one swimming to his demise on a whim
Turn back and acquaint yourself with this Guiding Prophet ﷺ
If your intellect was fit to guide you, He would have unveiled
His Noble Word to your heart, but He unveiled it to Muḥammad ﷺ
A Word that would crush mountains, upon his heart was
presented ﷺ

O Muḥammad ﷺ, leave us not for even the blinking of an eye
Take us by the hand through this desert of *Dunyā*¹¹ into Eternity
Be a Solace to our Souls in the *Barzakh*¹² while we await the Day
Manifest upon our hearts day and night as our source of certainty
O Allāh – upon he whose presence removes our distress ﷺ,
Upon he whose remembrance diverts every calamity ﷺ –
Send Your Eternal Peace and Blessings, and upon his
Companions ﷺ
And upon the blessed beings You have chosen as His Noble
Family ﷺ

11 Temporal world

12 The dimension between beath and the Day of Judgement

Love for the Prophet ﷺ Pours Unceasingly



Love for the Prophet ﷺ pours unceasingly from the hearts of the lovers. It is a light manifesting as affection from their eyes, wisdom from their words, healing from their touch, spiritual elevation from their presence. No, there is never any blame in letting the world know of your love for the Pole of Creation ﷺ. O lover, seek not to hide your state; profess it! Fear not the critics; this life is short; there is naught but glad-tidings in elevating his name ﷺ, and in reality you are only elevating your own name in the Heavens. Seek for your name to be associated with him ﷺ in this life, and, God willing, it will be associated with him ﷺ in the Hereafter. Leave not this world but that the Angels pass your grave and say: “*Here rests so-and-so, Lover of the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ*”. O Allāh, make it so, for You say to a thing “Be” and it is. *Āmīn*.

O Father of ‘Ā’ishah ﷺ



After the Prophets and Messengers
The Sun has not seen a Light
More resplendent and awe-inspiring
Than his companion ﷺ in the night
On that day, the Prophet of God ﷺ
Brought with him the truthful friend
No better name from his blessed Nation ﷺ
Ever graced the ink of a pen
Were the Angels to search amongst
The Companions of Muḥammad’s Era ﷺ
For one more excellent in virtues
The search would end in vain
Abū Bakr: The Father of ‘Ā’ishah our Mother
She – the Prophet’s Divinely appointed Wife ﷺ
She – the Scholar of the greatest scholars
She – the sacred adornment of his blessed life
The day of your *Hijra*¹³ with the Prophet ﷺ
The People of Medina upon the trail
Rejoiced. But, how can we say the same
For your *Hijra* across the Veil
For, the World was left dimmer
When that luminous full moon waned
And in sympathy for the *Umma*
Tears from the Heavens rained
O Companion of the Cave
May Allāh forgive us for your sake
May Allāh give us a taste of your sincerity
O Possessor of a faith that does not break
O first one of his Nation ﷺ to enter the Celestial Gates
O you whose faith outweighs his entire Nation ﷺ

13 Migration

O Possessor of the Muḥammadan states ۞
O Successor of the Best of Creation ۞
May Allāh send his peace and blessings
Upon Muḥammad, our Master, our Beloved ۞
By the Rank of al-Ṣiddīq, the Truthful
The brightest star after the Prophets

O Door to the City of Knowledge ❁



O Father of the Noble Hasans ❁
The Grandchildren of Whom ❁ ?
The Coolness of Whose Eyes ❁ ?
The Righteous Followers of Whom ❁ ?
O Spouse of the Leader of our Women ❁
The Daughter of Whom ❁ ?
The Master of the Women of Whose Nation ❁?
The Pure Offspring of which Prophet ❁?
By the Height of your Station, O ‘Alī ❁
May Allāh send blessings on your Uncle’s Son ❁
Your Mentor and Beloved ❁
The Master of Creation ❁
O Holder of the Secrets of the Way ❁
O Door to the City of Knowledge ❁
O God-given gift to Creation ❁
Through which ignorance was abolished ❁
O Key holder of the Path ❁
O he who was raised by the Truthful ❁
We ask for your gaze Abū al-Ḥasan ❁
May our turning to you be fruitful ❁
Take us by the hand, O ‘Alī ❁
Take us into that City so Vast ❁
Breathe into our hearts those Secrets ❁
Let your eyes on our Souls be cast ❁
O you of the purest intentions ❁
You who struck ignorance with Light ❁
You struck not he who desired to dishonor you ❁
Thus you were honored by He Who Owns Might ❁
O you whose Gnosis is identical ❁
On both sides of the Lordly Veil ❁
O Father of the Family aboard the Ship ❁

Behind which the Victorious sail 🌿
O Purest of Families, we are cold out here 🌿
But our hearts are warmed by your remembrance 🌿
May we be dressed by your Love 🌿
May it be as your virtues, endless 🌿

O Umm al-Hasanayn ۞



What blend of even the finest words
Can symbolise your worth?
O Umm al-Hasanayn, through your Progeny,
Mercy from Heaven rains
The day this world was graced and raised
By your luminous, blessed birth
Was akin to a rare, lustrous flower
Plucked from Celestial plains

Every honored woman en route to *Janna*¹⁴
Is guided by your fragrance
The musk of your purity intoxicates
Till all their troubles wane
The dwellers of *Janna* are enraptured
By your all-pervading radiance
Through love for your Family every blessing
In *Dunyā*¹⁵ and *Ākhira*¹⁶ is gained

Muḥammad ۞, the Matchless Sapphire,
You are of him and he is of you
The daughter of the Foremost of Creation ۞,
Before you I am humbled in speech
Should the gold and gems of this world be gathered
They would not equal your due
Nor the due of a speck of dust that grazed
The soles of your blessed feet

O Allāh – upon Your Prophet ۞

14 Paradise

15 Temporal world

16 Hereafter

And his Precious Treasure, al-Zahrā
Send Your Perfect Peace and Blessings
By the strength of their lofty Stations
Guide our mothers, sisters and daughters
By the hand of their Queen, Fāṭima
Make our love for her Family the sacred Crown
Of our Single Aspiration!

Endless Fountain of Secrets ❁



O Traveller, if in your journey to the Presence
You turn to a rope other than that of Muḥammad ❁
Then forget about it, forget about it,
For on the path to Allāh, the front door is Muḥammad ❁
Every Prophet has drank from his fountain
Every Saint has sipped from that cup
He is the Endless Fountain of Secrets
Through which the whole Universe was brought up
O Allāh, by the strength of the written name
Muḥammad ❁ on Your Holy Throne
By the secret meanings hidden in it
That to creation remain unknown
Send blessings and peace upon the Guide ❁
And upon his Holy Family
He whom You sent as a Mercy to all the Worlds
To cure their inner maladies
O Allāh, send blessings and peace upon him
For every tear shed by his lovers
For every step taken to meet him
By the ranks of those he called Brothers
O Allāh, send blessings and peace upon him
For every sleepless night caused
By the remembrance of Your Beloved ❁
Whose equal never was

The Moon Has Been Split



As the Moon was split
Into submission, when he pointed to it ❀
The hearts of his lovers have been split
Through his remembrance ❀
The heart that was once a dry rock
Was split open like the boulder
Mūsā ❀ struck with his staff
Like the fresh water that gushed out
To quench Mūsā's people
Light, knowledge, and beauty has poured out
Of the hearts of the lovers of
Muḥammad ❀
To quench the people of his time
As a guidance and mercy to the worlds
Muḥammad is here ❀
Quenching both the blind and the seeing
The sick and the healthy
The poor and the rich
And what a difference
Between the body being quenched
And the Soul being quenched.
And what a difference
Between the body being quenched
And the Soul being quenched

O Muḥammad ﷺ, Our Hearts Have Been Won



Top cut off, the date palm would not weep
For the loss of its head as it wept
For the pain of its severance from you ﷺ
It eclipsed the pain of its severed head
Medina would be just a heap of bricks
Were it not that you perfumed its alleys ﷺ
With the musk of celestial fragrance ﷺ
Yes, you lit up the mountainous valley ﷺ
Were it not that you beseeched your Lord ﷺ
In loving fervour between its prayer walls
O Muḥammad ﷺ, who would ever be lured
By inebriating prayer calls
Were it not for the bringer of glad tidings
Abū al-Qāsim, the son of ʿAbdullāh ﷺ
Verily, we would never have tasted the sweetness
Of *Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh*
O were I to kiss the blessed hooves of the sheep
From which the wool of your garments were knit ﷺ
O were I to kiss the rocks of the Moon
That you pointed to when it was split ﷺ
What to say then of your Companions ﷺ
Whose hearts were raised to His Presence
Through the Light of your Spiritual Power ﷺ
Through your gaze they were drowned in His Essence ﷺ
What to say then of your Family ﷺ
Yes, the parents of the Foremost Saints
Yes, the ship sailing to Felicity
We are cured by their Holy names
O ʿAlī, Fāṭima, Ḥasan and Ḥusayn ﷺ

May the peace of our Lord be with you ❀
May our lives be lived in service to you ❀
May our souls be resurrected with you ❀
O Allāh – by the Strength of Your Holy Might
Send Your Peace and Your Blessings upon
The Inextinguishable Light from Your Secrets ❀
O Muḥammad ❀, our hearts have been won!

The Cup of Muḥammad ﷺ



Tonight we drank from the Cup of Muḥammad ﷺ
Tonight my heart is burning for Muḥammad ﷺ
Tonight my Soul is quaking and trembling for Muḥammad ﷺ
This Universe is but dust next to the Light of Muḥammad ﷺ
Fire is made cold by the Love for Muḥammad ﷺ
Like Ibrāhīm ؑ was made safe, the grandfather of Muḥammad ﷺ
Souls are saved from the Fire through Muḥammad ﷺ
Glad tidings from Allāh come through his Beloved Muḥammad ﷺ
Guidance from Allāh comes through his Beloved Muḥammad ﷺ
Love from Allāh comes through his Beloved Muḥammad ﷺ
What loss, what loss, and again what loss for the one who has
forgotten Muḥammad ﷺ
For the one who has not on his tongue the sweet name of
Muḥammad ﷺ
O foolish one who looks for other roads than Muḥammad ﷺ
O you who goes to sleep without remembering Muḥammad ﷺ
O you who goes through his day without prayers on Muḥammad ﷺ
O you who has forgotten that the gift of prayer came through
Muḥammad ﷺ
May Allāh guide you, may Allāh give you something of the
remembrance of Muḥammad ﷺ!
O Allāh, what a sweet blessing You have created, the sweet blessing
of Muḥammad ﷺ!
O Allāh, what guidance would we have if You had not sent to us
Muḥammad ﷺ?
O Allāh, in what darkness would we be were it not for the Sun You
called Muḥammad ﷺ?
If You have made a Sun for the planets, then certainly the Sun of
our Souls is Muḥammad ﷺ
Yā Allāh, Yā Allāh, Yā Allāh, a glance from Muḥammad ﷺ!
O Allāh, take everything we have and in return give us Muḥammad ﷺ!

Yā Allāh, my dreams, they are all worthless, they are less than dust
 if not lit up by Muḥammad ﷺ
 What loss, what loss, and again what loss for he who on that Day
 sees not Muḥammad ﷺ
 We wait not till that Day, no, we ask now for the Intercession of
 Muḥammad ﷺ
Yā Sayyidanā, Yā Muḥammad ﷺ, intercede for us, you are for it, O
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 Take us by the hand through this life and the next, O
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 We are as children and you are as our father, O Muḥammad ﷺ
 Ask that we be forgiven and be in your company in this life and the
 next, O Muḥammad ﷺ
 May our breath be fragranced with the Reality of Muḥammad ﷺ
 May our eyes be colored by the Celestial Lights of Muḥammad ﷺ
 May our hearts be enlightened and opened at the hands of
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 O holder of the keys of our hearts and the keys of Divine Secrets,
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 Open our hearts and place the Divine Secrets in them, O
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 O Allāh send blessings on Muḥammad ﷺ
 O Allāh send peace on Muḥammad ﷺ
 And upon the Blessed Family of Muḥammad ﷺ
 And the Guided Holy Descendants of Muḥammad ﷺ
 Through which You have guided us to Muḥammad ﷺ
 A prayer so complete that our Souls are refined by Muḥammad ﷺ
 A prayer so unique that our Souls are united with Muḥammad ﷺ
 A prayer so beautiful that our eyes are opened to the vision of
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 A prayer so enlightened that our hearts are dressed with the Secrets
 of Muḥammad ﷺ
 A prayer so immense that our Inner Secret is over-pouring with the
 Lights of Muḥammad ﷺ
 And it is easy for You, O Lord of Muḥammad ﷺ!

By the Greatest Names and the Greatest Prophet ﷺ



Praise be to You – O Lord of the Worlds
We ask You by the Rank of Your Prophet ﷺ
And by Your Names Revealed and Hidden
We ask You by Your Love for Your Beloved ﷺ
O Wadūd – count us amongst the Foremost of his Lovers ﷺ
O Karīm – and everyone who sees this and says *Āmīn*
And O Hādī – that one who neglects saying that
O Raḥmān – guide him and grant him the Mercy of Your *Dīn*
O Laṭīf – avert this lower world from us by way of our Love for
Muḥammad ﷺ
O Quddūs, O Salām – purify our hearts by way of Peace upon him ﷺ
O Mu'min, O Muḥaymin – increase, through it, our faith and
protect it
O Wahhāb, O Fattāḥ – open our hearts to a special Love from him ﷺ
O Muṣawwir, O Khāliq – by the Beauty You have granted him ﷺ
O Ra'ūf, O Raḥīm – open our Inner Secrets to his Attributes and
Luminescence ﷺ
O Ghanī, O Mughnī – enrich our hearts with the Muḥammad
Treasures ﷺ
O Walī, O Wājīd – guide us – O Wakīl – to Your Merciful Presence
O Ḥayy, O Qayyūm – awaken our hearts by prayers upon him ﷺ
O Qādir, O Qawī – it is easy for You – O Muqtadir – so, by Your
Power, Grant it
O Zāhir, O Bāṭin – make our inward better and make our outward
righteous
O Awwal, O Ākhir – make our existence be annihilated in Your
Infinity
O Bāqī, O Ḥāfiẓ – make the Center of Your Protection where to
find us

O Bā'ith, O Muhyī – revive our hearts by Blessings and Peace upon
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 O Mu'izz, O 'Azīm – bestow upon us the honor of his Blessed
 Vision ﷺ
 O 'Azīz, O Malik – dress us with Majestic Manifestations through
 him ﷺ
 O Bāsiṭ, O Qābiḍ – relieve our tensions and put Your enemies in
 constriction
 O Rāfi', O Khāfiḍ – raise us through his mention ﷺ and abase his
 enemies
 O Jabbār, O Qahhār – compel our lower-selves to Your obedience
 O 'Alīm, O Raqīb – for You know perfectly well what whispers this
 entity
 O Mu'īd, O Muḥṣī – restore our hearts and relieve our Souls from
 every grievance
 O Aḥad, O Ṣamad – grant our hearts complete *tawḥīd* in *Lā Ilāha
 Illā Allāh*
 O Barr, O Muta'ālī – our hope is in You, grant us Oneness through
 Muḥammad ﷺ
 O Nāfi', O Nūr – enlighten our hearts and Secrets and grant us
 every good
 O Muqaddim, O Mu'akhkhir – grant us the best in *ākḥira* and in
 this life too by Muḥammad ﷺ
 O Mālik al-Mulk, O Dhū al-Jalāl wa al-Ikrām – grant us a sitting
 place close to Your Prophet ﷺ
 O Wāsi', O Ḥakīm – expand our hearts and minds and enlighten
 them with Your Wisdom
 O Ḥamīd, O Shakūr – grant us a grateful heart and accepted thanks
 from our part
 O Ḍarr, O Māni' – guide us – O Rashīd, O Wālī – out of our bodily
 prisons
 O Tawwāb, O 'Afū – by he who You sent to teach us Repentance in
 its truest form ﷺ
 O Ghaffār, O Ghafūr – forgive us and overlook our sins and
 mistakes – O Ṣabūr
 O Ḥaqq, O Muqīt – nourish our hearts and vision with Your
 Witnessing and Knowledge
 O Mubdī, O Mumīt – as You have Originated our Ego, annihilate it
 in Your Pleasure

O Shahīd, O Ḥakam – deem our witnessing of Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh
 complete in a heart polished
 O Jāmī^ع, O Wāḥid – gather us into the Center of Your Unity – O
 Malik, O Majīd
 O Muntaqim, O Matīn – remove the transgressors from our Path
 and free us from their harm
 O Mudhill, O ʿAdl – guide away from us what guides away from You
 O Baṣīr, O Khabīr – if You see us deviating, Guide us back to You
 by our legs and arms
 O Mājīd, O ʿAlī, O Kabīr – grant us the Secrets of *Allāhu Akbar* – O
 Jalīl, O ʿAzīm, O Mutakabbir
 O Muqsiṭ – grant us, our dependants and those of authority on us
 our and their rights – O Bārī, O Ḥasīb
 O Badī^ع, O Samī^ع, O Mujīb – you have created us to worship You,
 so answer our prayer to You
 O Allāh – we ask You this by the Names You have revealed and
 those You have not revealed
 Our Lord – we ask You by Your Greatest Name, and by Your
 Greatest Prophet ﷺ
 Grant us the best of this life and the Next, ease our affairs and grant
 us Paradise
 Save us from the Fire, from the evil in Your creation and give Your
 Love precedence
 O Lord – grant us a vision of Your Prophet ﷺ, Your Mercy and
 Your Pleasure will suffice
 Forgive us and forgive our parents, grant them the highest Abodes
 in Your Heavens
 Have Mercy on them and on our families and Guide them on Your
 Straight Path
 Acquaint them with Your Messenger ﷺ, and may his way guide our
 lives
 O Allāh – send upon him peace and blessings that grant Your
 Pleasure and divert Your Wrath

Pure Light of Medina ❁



Lord bring us to Your Love
Your Mercy and *Sakīnah*¹⁷
By the Love for Your Ḥabīb ❁
The Pure Light of Medina ❁
The Messenger of Mercy ❁
The Honor of Creation ❁
Whose name upon our hearts ❁
Uplifts our woeful stations
Whose praise outweighs our tongues ❁
For You Yourself have praised him ❁
Whose blessed name ignites hearts ❁
Who thus are raised emblazoned
The Leader of the Prophets
The Messengers, Saints, and Kings ❁
He who when we've obeyed him ❁
We've obeyed the King of Kings
The Sun of Gnosis ❁, Brother of Moses
Abraham, Noah and Jesus ❁
Who sees our sins beseeching
The Lords Forgiveness to reach us ❁
O Lord convey Your Blessings
And Your Peace upon Yāsīn ❁
Ṭāhā our Noble Master ❁
Our Guide to The Unseen ❁

17 Serenity

*Give Us to Drink from
Your White Hand* ❀



Souls aquiver, in awe before he who delivered the call ❀
He through whom well-being in this life and the Next is attained ❀
O Messenger of Allāh ❀ – every blessing from Allāh’s Mercy
Is gained through invoking peace and blessings upon you ❀
For the lover, every day of the week is but a child of Friday
When the believer knows his prayer is perceived by you ❀
Every gathering is empty but for the gathering of lovers who
Assemble to efface themselves in their remembrance of you ❀
You are the Solace to the lovers seeking Eternal Bliss ❀
You are the Sanctuary of every faithful divorced to this world ❀
You are the Mellifluous Melody enrapturing every lover’s heart ❀
You are the Living, Breathing Words from which Boundless Mercy
unfurls ❀
O Messenger of Allāh ❀ – visit this destitute one at your door
O Messenger of Allāh ❀ – I ask for your heart-resurrecting glance ❀
Please accept my plea, may my eyes be enlightened by your
beauty ❀
O Sun of Splendour ❀ – resuscitate my dreamscape’s expanse
I ask the Lord of the Throne to convey His Blessings and Peace
Upon the Emancipator of Souls ❀, the Overflowing Fount of
Mercy ❀
O our Master, Muḥammad ❀, give us to drink from your White
Hand ❀
Until these hitherto unquenchable hearts are no more thirsty

O Walking Paradise ❁



Those who purify their hearts of this World
There are two Paradises for them
One is given to them after death
The second is given to them here:
Muḥammad ❁
For he is the walking Paradise ❁
And know that if his lovers
Amongst the inhabitants of Paradise
Were to be deprived of Muḥammad ❁
Then they would shed tears of blood
In Paradise itself
For how can there be a Paradise without Muḥammad ❁?
What worth would be the Green Dome
Were it not that beneath it is his Abode ❁?
What worth would be the *Rawḍa*¹⁸
Were it not for his proximity to it ❁?
Who would have ever known Medina
Were it not that his fragrance perfumed it ❁?
Were it not that his blessed smile lit it up ❁?
Were it not that his generous hands laid upon it ❁?
The Imam of our Souls ❁
The Light of the People of Purity ❁
The Teacher of the Proclaimers of Unity ❁
And know that he who has beheld him ❁
Has been given a taste of Paradise
O Walking Paradise ❁
Come to us in our dreams and waking states
Light up our Destiny's path

18 "The area between my house and my minbar (pulpit) is one of the Gardens (*riyād*, sing. *rawḍah*) of Paradise, and my minbar is on my cistern (*ḥawḍ*)" Narrated by al-Bukhārī

Open the crevices of our hearts
 As you opened that which was closed
 O Blessed Candle in our night ❁
 Our hearts long for you
 And Allāh is our Witness
 May His Peace and Blessings shower you
 From the Day of Creation to the Last Day
 Each day by the measure of your honor
 O Master of our Path ❁
 And Praise be to Allāh
 The Lord of the Worlds
 Who Fashioned you ❁
 In the most beautiful of forms ❁
 With the most beautiful of characters ❁
 And the most honourable and majestic of Souls ❁
 For you are the Pinnacle of His creation ❁
 And the reason for its being ❁
 And the Light of its essence ❁
 O Prophet of Allāh ❁
 In our dreams
 In our dreams
 In our dreams
 And Praise be to Allāh
 The Lord of the Worlds
 Who granted us the Gift
 Of this Generous Prophet ❁
 Peace and Blessings be upon him
 And his Noble Family and Companions
 May Allāh have Mercy on
 This helpless Lover of the Prophet ❁

Glad Tidings of His Vision ❁



Praise be to Allāh
For the Gift of this Perfect Prophet ❁
Whose Light enlightens the Universe
What's below, around, and above it ❁

The Angels sing his praise ❁
On the Earth and in the Heavens
May our hearts be washed with a cup
The tears of his Lovers were shed in

Whose unique remembrance perfumes
The hearts of Saints and sinners
Whose presence purifies the souls
In a manner none can hinder ❁

Glad tidings to the strangers
Means glad tidings of his Vision
Yearning for scented eyes
Is where our hearts have risen ❁

What is a day in this world
Without longing to witness his presence,
Without longing to behold Ṭāhā?
Peace and blessings on his Essence

Peace and blessings on the Chosen
Our guide to the unspeakable
Our leader to the stations
That formerly were unreachable ❁

O Allāh by the honor of this Light
Grant us honor through his meeting
Fill the horizons of our night-dreams

With this Sunrise through our pleading 🌸
Peace and blessings on the Straight Path
Who taught us *Lā Ilāha Illā Allāh*
Whose Beauty none after and none during
And none previously ever saw

That Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ



O Allāh – by the honor of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Grant us a portion of knowledge of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Fill our hearts and our eyes with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
With that Light in our nights, our Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Fill our homes and countries with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
With the name and the Light of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us keys to Your treasures by that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us Love without measure for that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
This Universe is a *Masjid*¹⁹ for Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Sweep it clean with our souls for that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Make us *Khādims*²⁰ in Truth for that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
That our hearts may be one with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Fill our veins and our blood with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Our hands and our ears with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Our lips and our tongues with that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Fill our souls with the fragrance of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Erase us and replace us with Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us life in the meaning of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us life in the Essence of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Let our words and deeds praise that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Place us under the glance of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
By the Banner of Praise of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Amongst the Heirs of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
How would we know You if not for that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ?
O Allāh, send peace on that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Overflowing blessings on Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
And upon the pure Family of Muḥammad ﷺ
And the noble Companions of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us life in the presence of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ

19 Mosque

20 Servants

Give us death in the presence of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us him for the sake of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ
Give us You, by the truth of that Prophet, Muḥammad ﷺ

Your Rope That Never Severs ❁



O Allāh – all praise is for You
Is not any and all praise of Your creation
But a praise of Your works and Grace?
O Allāh, by the honour You have granted his Nation ❁:
May our hearts be showered by Muḥammad's Love ❁
May our reflection be adorned by Muḥammad's Lights ❁
May our Inner Secret be dressed by Muḥammad's Presence ❁
May our eyes be ornamented by Muḥammad's Sight ❁
O Allāh – grant us his love ❁
And the love of his lovers ❁
Join us with him awake and asleep ❁
Keep us in the sphere of his brothers ❁
May his name be engraved into our hearts ❁
May our tongues be busy with his remembrance ❁
May our Souls be dressed in his *Adab*²¹ ❁
May our vision be coloured by his Lights ❁
May our actions be guided by the Truth he came with ❁
May our words be embellished by his eloquence ❁
May our inner secret be his Over-pouring Fountain ❁
May our Souls be united in the Sea of his Presence ❁
Beautify our eyes with his Vision ❁
In this night and every night to follow
And send blessings and peace upon him
By the amount of yesterdays and tomorrows
O Prophet of Allāh ❁ – gaze upon us
May the Suns of your eyes rise upon us ❁
May the clear vision of your countenance ❁
Dress us – O you who carries the Trust ❁
O Allāh – give us victory over our selves
Through our connection to Your Beloved ❁

21 Courtesy of giving everything its due right

And may our hearts be united with his Secret ❁
Until our Innermost Centre is by it flooded
O Allāh – grant us what he has asked for us ❁
Grant us words and deeds that lead to his pleasure ❁
Grant us the Keys of the Foremost
And guide us to his Impregnable Treasures ❁
O Allāh – upon the infallible Master ❁
Send blessings and peace by the measure
Of the Mercy that showers on his Lovers
By the strength of Your Rope That Never Severs ❁

The Elixir of Gratitude ﷲ



O Allāh – by Your Everliving Promise in
﴿If you are grateful I will surely increase you﴾²²
And by Your Pristine Prophet ﷺ who worshiped You through the
secret of
“Should I not be a grateful servant of Allāh?”²³
And by the Key to Belief
﴿Be grateful to Me and do not deny Me﴾²⁴
And by the Certainty of Sulaymān ؑ in
﴿This is from the favor of my Lord
To test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful.﴾²⁵
And by Gratitude to You through creation, revealed in our
Beloved’s saying ﷺ
“He who does not thank people does not thank Allāh”²⁶
And the Reality of Unicity proclaimed in
﴿It is You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help﴾²⁷
And by our standing at Your Door – O Allāh – with, in heart, Your
Promise
﴿And We will reward the grateful﴾²⁸
Grant us – O Karīm – that which was praised by the Most Praised ﷲ
“A tongue which mentions God, a grateful heart
And a believing wife who helps a man with his faith”²⁹
O Nūr – dress us in the Lights of
﴿Indeed, he was a grateful servant﴾³⁰

22	14:7
23	Narrated by Muslim
24	2:152
25	27:40
26	Narrated by al-Tirmidhī
27	1:5
28	3:145
29	Narrated by al-Tirmidhī
30	17:3

Bestow upon us, by Your Enabling Grace, complete submission to You through

﴿Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination﴾³¹

Count us amongst those who

﴿Shall have no fear nor shall they grieve...﴾³²

Through a Gratitude raised to the degree of

﴿Thankful for His bounties; He chose him and He guided him unto a straight path﴾³³

O Allāh – place in our chests the secrets of

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

And in our Innermost Beings

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

By he who invited us to

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

Muḥammad, al-Muṣṭafā ﷺ – the living embodiment of

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

O Allāh – by our uttering of

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

And by Your Generosity in granting us the means of Gratitude through

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

O Shakūr – accept it as an accepted proclamation through the Mercy in

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

Count us amongst *the few* mentioned in: ﴿but few of My servants are grateful!﴾³⁴ through

Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

O Allāh – by Dāwūd's plea ﷻ :

“O Lord! How can I ever duly thank You,

When my thanking You is also a favor from You to me”

And Your reponse

“Now, you have thanked Me sufficiently, O Dāwūd”³⁵

Count us amongst the Grateful through Your Generous and Veiling Grace

31 31:14

32 10:62

33 16:121

34 34:13

35 Ibn Kathīr, *Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-'Azīm*

And through the recognition of our incapacity, that You have
 gifted us
 There is no Power except through You, so Empower us, O Qawī
 May every day and night written in our Books begin with
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May every favor You have bestowed upon us be sealed with:
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May our hearts be consumed in the Ocean of
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May our hearts, intellects, eyes and limbs be firm in the Certainty
 present in:
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May all our praise return to You through the core reality of
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May we be granted all the blessings promised to the people of
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh for
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 And for the Gift of the Immaculate Seal of Prophecy ﷺ:
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May our return to You be a joyous meeting through
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 May our lives and our deaths be a living proclamation of
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 Grant us Eternal Life in You by the Elixir of Gratitude,
 Muḥammad ﷺ, the bringer of:
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 O Ḥayy, O Qayyūm – through the glad tidings in
 ﴿And call not those who are slain in the way of Allāh ‘dead’;
 Nay, they are living, only ye perceive not.﴾³⁶
 O Allāh – send Your Perfect Peace and Blessings upon Your
 Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ
 By the amount of times the tongues of Your servants have uttered
 and will utter:
Al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh
 And *al-ḥamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh*
 By the amount of times the tongues of Your servants have uttered
 and will utter:

Al-hamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

Increase us and do not decrease us, through the secrets of

Al-hamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

And for the completion of this supplication – O Allāh – may it be sealed it with:

Al-hamdulillāh wash-Shukrulillāh

﴿سُبْحَانَ رَبَّنَا رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾﴾

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٨١﴾

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٨٢﴾﴾³⁷

